

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

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Sunny Day Greetings!

Can you believe this fabulous weather?! The wonderful colors?! Your editor knows spring comes every year, but it still seems like a miracle. And to further increase your enjoyment of this season, you'll want to join us Monday, May 22nd, 7:30 pm, at the Somerset County Library for our final demonstration of the season. We'll welcome the renowned Arville Pustrom-Uus, as she does a painting in the alkyd paint medium. Arville has demonstrated for RVAA before and we always enjoy her and her work and learn a lot. Lib Ryman will do hospitality for us in May, but we could use a second helper; please phone President Linda Arnold 908/647-3610 to volunteer. We thank Lib and we also thank Program Chairwoman Gay Billich for arranging for all our terrific programs.

It must be a time of thanksgiving, for we send out a big HURRAH to Debbie Hughes, who once again choreographed our fantastic trip to the Big Apple Saturday, April 29th. All who went thoroughly enjoyed the comfortable bus, the exhibits at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the American Watercolor Society Show at the Salmagundi Club, as well as the snacks on our dozey way home. A few of us also grabbed some time with the enchanting exhibits at the Forbes Museum before it closed at 4. Your editor went home with Sensory Overload, not a bad condition. The special exhibits at the Met included the Egyptian ruler Queen Hatshepsut(actually she declared herself King), a powerful woman long ahead of her time—a modern woman, and a renaissance woman as well. The Samuel Palmer exhibit was a true delight—so much to see among the 100 drawings, watercolors, oils, and etchings. Those of you who missed our trip, really missed it, and we'll encourage you next year to come! Thank you again, Debbie!

While we're thanking people, you may not realize it, but RVAA member Audrey Wreszin takes my humble words each month, copies the newsletter, addresses, and mails them all. Doug Axmann provides the labels. Your editor has the fun part, the writing, and so thanks to Audrey and Doug for their invaluable contributions.

You are all invited to “**Making Your Art Work for You**”, an Artists’ Print and Networking Conference, on Thursday, May 18th from 4:30-6:30 at the Hampton Inn, 14 Royal Road, in Flemington, NJ. THERE IS NO ADMISSION FEE, but the conference is limited to the first 70 people who reply (although another might be held if there is overwhelming interest). This invitation comes from Jerilyn Weber, who is spearheading the conference. You may reply by phoning Digital Arts Imaging at 908/237-4646. Artists’ work will be on display and there will be gift bags for all attendees. Hors d’oeuvres and beverages will also be served. “In addition to being a great networking opportunity, the conference will include a discussion on giclee prints—what they are, how they are made, the kinds of surfaces they can be printed off of, as well as surfaces they can be printed on to. Stanley Meltzoff will be the guest speaker and will discuss his experience in marketing prints.” From the Somerville/Bridgewater area, take Route 202 South toward Flemington. Just before Flemington, at a light, make a right onto Duxbury Lane and a quick right onto Royal Road; the Hampton Inn is just ahead (you can see it from 202). But if you miss Duxbury Lane, start around the circle, bear to the right. Make a left at the light onto Church Street/Voorhees Corner Road. Make first right onto Royal Road. Inn is on the right.

Upcoming shows include the Art Show at Trinity United Church in Warren—please call (RVAA member) Kit Bebbington for details—732/356-3730, or email kitlink@verizon.net. The annual June Fete, this year called “The Beach Fete” will be June 9 and 10th in Princeton. If you are interested in details or in exhibiting you may call or email Maura Endres at 609/936-9371, mmjendres@msn.com. Finally, the juried Art Show at Saint Mark’s in Mendham begins Friday, May 19th with delivery May 13 and 14, and pick-up May 21st. There is the juried show, a small price (under \$250!) sale, and awards. Please contact the church for more information at 973/543-4471.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

PAT BARNABEO had her floral accepted into the annual juried Bernardsville show. Other RVAA members juried into the show include KATHY BLAIR, ELSA HERRMANN, JOAN MCKINNEY, DIANA PATTON, AND MARY ANN VACARRO (there may be others, but I couldn’t actually get to see the show, so you’ll have to let me know).

ELSA HERRMANN is jurying for the High School Scholastic Congressional Show at Georgian Court University. She also had work in the juried Bernardsville Show.

JOAN MCKINNEY will be demonstrating at the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church.

Several RVAA members exhibited in Lamington Church 2006 Annual Show. They include PAT BARNABEO, DORIS BATEMAN, KATHY BLAIR, MARGE BRAUN, ANGELA FEHRENBACH, RITA GORKY, FRAN MAURER, JOAN MCKINNEY, DIANA PATTON, MAUREEN SLATER, DONNA SOUREN, and SONJA WEIR.

DEBBIE TINTLE and DIANA PATTON are exhibiting in the Art in Nature Show at the Environmental Education Center in Basking Ridge.

This will be our last Newsletter until September—I really encourage you to drop me a note about your accomplishments (or anything arty), at the address above, or even email me at diana@dianapatton.com You certainly want your editor to have something to say in September, don't you?